



## **ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS - PEDIATRIC (Less than 15 years of age)**

### **FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS**

1. Patient exhibits inappropriate behavior for age.
2. History or observation of an Apparent Life Threatening Event (ALTE).

### **BLS INTERVENTIONS**

1. Assess environment and determine possible causes for illness.
2. Axial-spinal stabilization, if clinically indicated.
3. Oxygen therapy as clinically indicated.
4. Airway management as indicated (OPA/NPA, BVM Ventilation).
5. Obtain core temperature, if elevated begin passive cooling measures.

### **ALS INTERVENTIONS**

1. Establish advanced airway as needed.
2. Obtain vascular access and place on cardiac monitor.
3. For symptomatic hypotension with poor perfusion, consider fluid bolus of 20ml/kg of NS not to exceed 300ml NS.
4. Check blood glucose level.
  - a. For pt. < 10 kg if glucose less than 60 mg/DL:  
Dextrose 25% 0.5 Gm/kg (2ml/kg) IO/IV
  - b. For pt.>10 kg but less than 25kg if glucose less than 60mg/DL:  
Dextrose 50% 0.5 Gm/kg diluted 1: 1 (2ml/kg)
  - c. For pt. > 25 kg if glucose less than 80mg/DL:  
Dextrose 50% 0.5 Gm/kg diluted 1: 1 (2ml/kg)

- d. If unable to establish IV, may give Glucagon 0.025 mg/kg IM/IN, may be repeated 1 time after 20 minutes for a combined maximum dose of 1 mg.
- 5. For suspected narcotic ingestion, may give Narcan 0.1 mg/kg IV/IM/IN. Do not exceed the adult dosage of 2mg IV/IM/IN.
- 6. Base Station may order additional medication dosages and additional fluid boluses.